



County Administrative Office Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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Governmental & Legislative
Affairs Director

March 22, 2016

The Honorable Janet Nguyen
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 893 (Nguyen), as introduced January 20, 2016 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Nguyen:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 893, legislation that would prohibit the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, and the governing board of each community college district from collecting any fees or tuition of any kind from a student in an undergraduate program who is the surviving dependent, as defined, of any individual killed in the terrorist attack in San Bernardino on December 2, 2015.

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, our lives changed forever. We lost 13 members of our County family, many of whom left behind young families, and many other County employees were left wounded, physically and emotionally.

SB 893 mirrors legislation passed in 2002, which established a precedent for providing financial assistance for dependents of victims of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks. This legislation would provide some relief to the surviving family members of the deceased by waiving tuition costs for a surviving spouse or child that is in an undergraduate program and meets the financial need requirements set forth in the legislation.

The County of San Bernardino is committed to helping identify and secure resources to assist the families of the deceased and the surviving victims of the tragedy as they heal emotionally and physically. SB 893 would provide undergraduate educational aid to those that lost a family member during the December 2nd incident.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 893 and we thank you for introducing this bill. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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